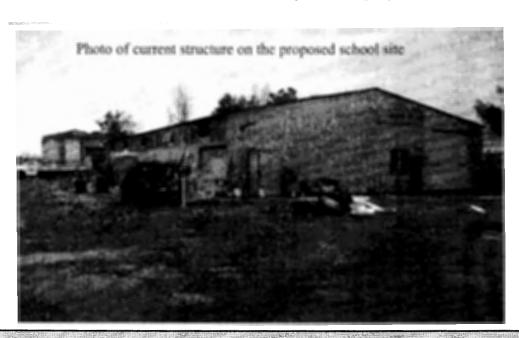


Public Involvement, November 2006

The Draft Removal Action Workplan For The Proposed Aspire Charter High School Is Available For Your Review

The Aspire Public School (Aspire) plans to build a new charter high school (Site) located at 1009 66th Avenue, Oakland, California 94621. (See Site map on page 3.). The new school will accommodate 420 students and provide 21 classrooms, including chemistry laboratories, and basketball courts. The new school will be used by the families moving into the new residential development to the north and east of the proposed school Site.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is a part of the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC oversees soil and groundwater investigations at proposed new or expanding school sites, and evaluates sites for potential hazardous materials or contamination that may pose a risk to school children, the staff or faculty. If contamination is found, DTSC oversees the cleanup of the property.



Public Comment Period

We encourage you to review and comment on the draft RAW. DTSC will hold a 30-day public comment period beginning November 13, 2006 and ending on December 12, 2006. All e-mailed comments must be sent to the Department no later than 5 p.m. on December 12, 2006. Mail written comments to:

Mr. Mike Hall, DTSC Project Manager Department of Toxic Substances Control 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, California 95826 or e-mail Mhall@dtsc.ca.gov

Dust suppression

Dust control measures, including water spraying, will reduce dust during the cleanup activities. Air and dust monitoring will be conducted and work will be stopped and corrective actions taken, if acceptable levels are exceeded. Before leaving the Site, truck tires will be cleaned.

Public Access

The entire Site is secured by fencing so that unauthorized personnel cannot enter the work area.

Glossary

Parts per billion (ppb) - This is roughly equivalent to one drop of ink in an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

Parts per million (ppm) - This is roughly equivalent to one drop of ink in a 150 litre (40 gallon) drum of water.

California Environmental Quality Act - Notice of Exemption

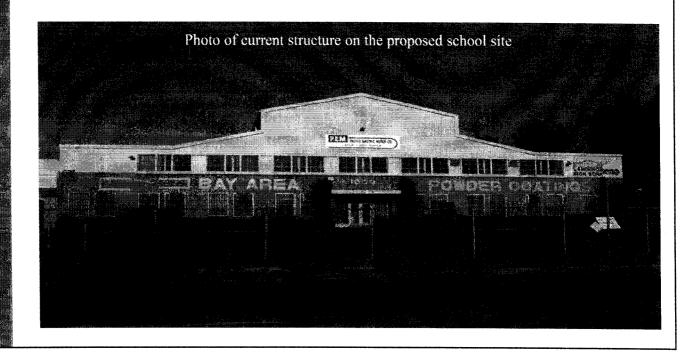
DTSC prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. The NOE document states that the removal action will not have the potential for significant effects on the environment. The draft NOE is available for public review, along with other supporting documents.

Truck Route

Approximately 640 trucks (15 trucks per day) will transport the contaminated soil to a State-licensed disposal facility. The trucks will be operated by a licensed hazardous waster trucking contractor and will travel Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Trucks exiting the Site will:

- Turn right onto 66th Avenue and enter onto Interstate 880 (I-880) traveling north;
- From I-880 to State Highway 238 east, then the trucks will merge onto I-580 heading east to I-5; and
- From I-5, the trucks will travel to the appropriate licensed landfill facility.



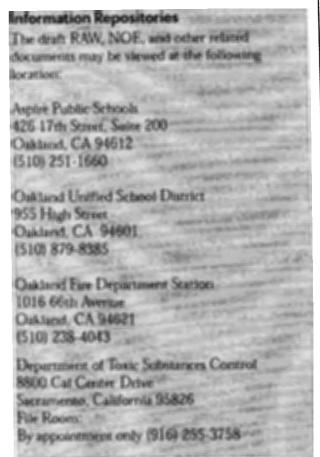
For more information

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have.

For questions regarding the draft RAW, please contact Mr. Mike Hall, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-6422 or by e-mail to Mhall@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions regarding the public participation process, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or toll-free (866) 495-5651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions from the media, please contact Ms. Angela Blanchette, at (510) 540-3732 or by e-mail to Ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov.



Notice to the Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 and ask to speak with Ms. Kim Rhodes at (916) 255-3651.

You can view the draft RAW on the DTSC website at:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=01390008